

THE ARCH-
CONFRATERNITY

of the holy

R O S A R Y

of our Blessed
Lady



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The Origin of the holy Rosary

His holy Company was begun by S. Dominick, founder of the renowned Religious order of the Friar Preachers, about the year 1216. to extirpate the Heresie of the Albigenses, as it did; and afterwards, brought such fruit to the Church of God, that Popes, the more to recommend and make it famous, have endowed it with many priviledges and indulgences, as you shall here see.

At their first entrance or
admittance.

Entering into this noble Con-
fraternity.

The Arch-Confraternity
fraternity, they gaine a plenary Indulgence, granted by the Popes, Pius V. & Clement VIII.

The first Sundayes of the month.

Every first Sunday of the Month, (principally of October- having confessed & communicated, thy gain a plenary Indulgence. Also visiting the Church or being present at the Processions of the Rosary, a plenary indulgence. Greg. XIII Paul V.

Upon the seven feasts of our Lady.

On the Purification, Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Nativity, Presentation, and Conception of the Blessed Virgin, being confessed and communicated, or having a will to do it in due time, a plenary indulgence. Also, visiting the Church, or being present at the Processions of the Rosary, a ple-

plenary indulgence. Pars IV.

To every Mystery of the holy Rosary.

They are fifteen, devided into three parts. Five, are called joyful, whereon they are to meditate in saying the first Chaplet (or Beads of five Decads of our Lady, the Annunciation, Visitation of S. Elizabeth, Nativity of our Saviour, his Presentation, and the Finding of him in the Temple ; Five, called dolorous, in saying the second Chaplet, the sweat of Bloud, Whipping at the pillar, crowning with thornes, larrying of his Crosse and Crucifixion ; and, Five glorious, in saying the third Chaplet, the Resurrection, Ascension, coming of the Holy Ghost, Assumption of our blessed Lady, and her Coronation: Upon all, and every the feasts of which Mysteries, as also on the

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celebrity of the crown of our
Saviour, the Invention and Ex-
altation of the holy Crosse, and
the day of all Saints, visiting the
Alter of the Rosary, may be
gained, a plenary Indulgence.
Greg. 9.

Of the Masse of the holy Rosary.

Every time that one sayeth it,
causeth it to be sayd, or is pre-
sent at it, a plenary Indulgence.
Alex. VI. Paul. III.

*For saying and carrying the
Rosary about one.*

Saying the whole Rosary,
they gain three hundred sixty
thousand and fifteen yeares,
five quarantaines, and a hun-
dred fourty dayes pardon. In-
noc. 8. Alex. 8. Clem. 5. Adri-
an. 6. Sixt. 4. Clem. 8. Alex.
and Raimond Legats. And,
which

of the holy Rosary.

which is more, a plenary indulgence. Paul. 3.

Carrying publikely, and for to give good example, the Rosary or Chaplet blessed by a Dominican Friar, they gain every day two hundred quarantaines of indulgence. Inno. 8. Alex. 6.

Indulgences of the Stations of Rome, which every day are plenary, in one part or other of the City, with delivery also of soules out of Purgatory.

They are gained by visiting five Altars, and saying before every one of them five Paternosters, and five Ave Marias, or else, five and twenty Paternosters and Ave, before one only Altar, if there be no more. Paul 3. Clement 8. Yea, it sufficeth to say only five Paters and Aves, but before an Altar of the Rosary. Pius. 5.

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At the discretion of the Brothers of the Confraternity.

Twice in their life, on the dayes they please to make choice of, being confessed and communicated, they may gain a plenary indulgence. Innoc. 8. Clement 8.

The Salve Regina.

Hearing the Salve Regina after Complet in the Churches of S. Dominick, a hundred yeares and fourty dayes of Indulgence. Paul. 5. Alex. Legat.

Doing of good workes.

Every time they visit the Chapell of the holy Rosary, or goe to see the sick exhorting them to receive the Sacraments, a hundred and sixty dayes of Indulgence. Greg. 13. Clement 8. Be-

Being present at the divine Offices, publike or private assemblies of the Rosary, making peace between those who are at discord, and, whatsoever other good work, sixty dayes of pardon. Clement 8.

*For those who are sick or
hindred.*

The sick, or such as for other lawful impediments, cannot be present at the meeting of the Confraternity, communicating, and saying the Rosary, or seaven Psalmes, before some devout picture, gain all the same indulgences, which they get who are assistant. Pius 5. Greg. 13. Sixt. 5.

At the hour of death.

At the hour of death, being confessed and communicated, a

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plenary Indulgence. Having the blessed candle of the Confraternity, a plenary Indulgence. Saying with mouth or heart J E S U S M A R I A, a plenary Indulgence; and, such an absolution as one is thereby restored, to the purity and innocence which he had by baptism. Innoc. 8. Adrian 6. Greg. 13. Pius 5.

For the Dead.

Accompanying the Dead to their buriall, a hundred sixty dayes of Indulgence. Greg. 13. Clement 8. Being present at the Masses and Offices of the Dead, they gain five thousand four hundred yeares, and a hundred and fourty dayes pardon. Sixt. 4. Alex. 6. Greg. 13. Clem. 8, Every time they say the whole Rosary, they gain the

of the holy Rosary.

the delivery of a soul out of Purgatory. Paul 3. Whosoever of the forenamed confraternity, sayeth, causeth to be said, or is present when one saith Masse of the Rosary, to that intention, delivereth a soul out of Purgatory. Paul 5. All the pardons granted to the living, may be applyed to the Dead, by communicating, saying the Rosary, Masse, or making the Stations for them. Leo 10.

For all Faithful people.

At the sound of the Ave Maria at night, saying :

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Maria, & concepit de Spiritu Sancto : Ave Maria. Ecce ancilla Domini: fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum, Ave Maria. Et verbum caro factum est, & habitavit in nobis : Deo gratias, Ave Maria ; They gain-

gain a plenary Indulgence.
Paul 3. When the hour stri-
keth, by saying an *Ave Maria*, a
thousand dayes pardon. Leo
10. Saying the Office of our
blessed Lady, at every Cano-
nicall hour, they gain forty
dayes of Indulgence. John. 23.
and other fifty granted by Pius
5. Invoking the holy names of
J E S U S and M A R I A,
ninety five dayes of pardon.
Urban. 4. John 22. Pius 5.
Bending reverently at the hea-
ring or pronouncing of the said
holy names of J E S U S and
M A R I A, two hundred
yeares, In the *Ave maria*, af-
ter *Jesus* adding *Christus*, six-
ty dayes pardon, saying withall
the rest of the same, *Sancta
Maria*, and the *Salve Regina*.
As also standing up at *Mag-
nificat*, forty dayes of par-
don.

don. John 22. Reciting the prayer *Ave Sanctissima Maria*, eleven thousand yeares of Indulgences, granted by Sixtus 4. Saying: Blessed and praised be the most holy Virgin Marie, a hundred yeares of Indulgences. Paul 3.

Priviledges of the Confraters.

They are as Religious of the holy Order S. Dominick, and (besides their own) are partakers of all the good works of that renowned Religion, the whole world through both before and after Death. A rare priviledge. Innoc. 8. At Easter, Nativity, Annunciation, Visitation, Purification, and Assumption of our Lady, and three dayes before, the Dominican Fathers may; absolve them

them from all cases reserved, even to the Pope, (so they be not comprehended *In Bulla Cœna*) and release them of all oathes, and change their vows, except the five ordinary. Leo 10. Being Dead, they have at least four Masses a year said for them in the Convents of S. Dominick, and places where there is a Confraternity; And who shall be there present the dayes after the Purification, Annunciation, Assumption, and Nativity of our Lady, shall gain a thousand nine hundred dayes of pardon. Granted by nineteen Cardinals of the said Confraternity, in the year 1479.

*Conditions requisite for
Admittance.*

They must make their names be writ in a book kept for that end, confesse and communicate, and say at least a Chaplet or pair of Beads of five decads. Pius 5. If one should cause Children to be admitted, of such as were absent, or dead, (a thing very frequent) he were not at all obliged, either for them, or for himself, under pain of sin, nor bound to pay ought, without he freely of his own accord should please to bestow it. They are to say three pair of Beads the week of five Decads, or their Chaplet, at one or more times. Paul 3. And that in such a place, and posture of body, as they themselves please, and when they omit to say

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say them, though there be no offence, yet gain they not the pardons for that time. Yet, in case, they have said, or shall say them double, (that is, twice so many Chaplets, or Beades of five Decads,) the week before, or after, or should cause any other of the Confraternity to say them for them, they should not loose the pardons. An easy matter to do.

All the aforesaid matters are gathered out of authentick bookes and bulls confirmed by Paulus V. 1608. bulla cum olim fœlic. record.

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A prayer against the plague taken
out of the chronicle of the Sera-
phical order of the fryers Minors
written by the Reverend Father
Francis Gonzaga of the same
Order.

THe whole City of Conimbris,
being visited with a most
grievous plague this place also
(that is to say the Monastery of
those sisters of S. Clare who are
termed the urbanist nuns) be-
gan to be infected; and whilst
the Abbess stood very solicitous
at the grace. for the disposall of
the sisters subjected unto her, to
some place, for the safety of their
lives; then suddenly appeared
a begger, demanding the cause
of her so great sorrow and so-
licitude? and being thereof cer-
tified, he delivered, her a small
scroul of parchment, saying, If
you will cause, the Anthemne
and

and the prayer contained in that small scroul, to be often and daily repeated; this place shall not be touched with any plague at all, and having thus spoken, he vanished away; the nuns took this begger to be S. Bartholomew; but whosoever that was; without all doubt it is; that the monastery from that time, stood free from any pestiferous contagion; when the City of Conimbris it self stood infected.

The Prayer.

STella Cœli extirpavit, quæ
lactavit Dominum, mortis
pestemquam plantavit primus
parens hominum. Ipsa stella
nunc dignetur sydera compesce-
re, quorum bella plebem cæ-
dunt diræ mortis ulcere, O pi-
issima stella Maris, a peste su-
curre

curre nobis. Audi nos domina ;
nam filius tuus nihil negans te
honorat. Salva nos Jeshu, pro
quibus virgo mater te orat.

Vers. Ora pro nobis sancta
Dei genitrix.

Resp. Ut digni efficiamur pro-
missionibus Christi.

Oremus.

DEus misericordiae, Deus pi-
etatis, Deus indulgentiae, qui
misertus es super afflictionem
populi tui, & dixisti Angelo per-
cutienti populum tuum ; conti-
ne manum tuam : ob amorem
illius stellæ gloriosæ, cujus ube-
ra pretiosa contra venenum no-
strorum, delictorum quam dul-
citer suxisti, præsta auxilium
gratiæ tuæ : Et ab omni peste &
improvisa morte secure libere-
mur, & a totius perditionis in-
cursu misericorditer salvemur.

Per

Per te Jesu Christe Rex gloriæ,
qui vivis & regnas in sæcula
sæculorum.

Resp. Amen.

The starr of heaven (that
gave suck to our Lord) ex-
tirped the plague of death, which
the first parent of men planted ;
let that starr now be pleased to
appease the skyes, whose distem-
perature, Killeth the people with
an ulcer of dreadfull death.

O most holy starre of the sea
preserve us from the plague, hear
us O B. Lady, for thy son, de-
nying thee not any thing, ho-
noureth thee, save us O Jesu for
whom the Virgin Mother pray-
eth thee.

Vers. Pray for us O holy Mo-
ther of God,

Resp. That we may be made wor-
thy of the promises of Christ.

Let

Let us Pray.

O God of mercy, God of pi-
ty, God of pardon, which
hast mercy upon the affliction
of thy people, and said to the
Angel wounding the people,
hold thy hand, even for the love
of that glorious Starr, whose
pretious breasts, against the ve-
nime of our sins, thou didst most
sweetly suck, vouchsafe us, the
help of thy grace, that we may
be safely delivered, from all
plague & unprovided death, and
that we may be mercifully saved
from the assault of all perdition;
through thee **JESUS CHRIST**,
King of Glory, who live, & and
Reignest world without end.
Amen.

A Prayer to S. Francis.

Hail O holy Father S. Fran-
cis, the light of the Coun-
trei, the forme of the minors,
the

the mirour of vertues, the way of right, the rule of manners; bring us from the exile of flesh, to the Kingdome of heaven.

Vers. Pray for us holy S. Francis.

Resp. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God which dost by the merits of S. Francis enlarge thy Church, with the fruit of a new issue, grant us, by his imitation to despise worldly matters, and continually to enjoy the participation of heavenly gifts: through Christ our Lord, Amen.

LITANIES

of our B. Lady.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christe audi nos.

Christ hear us.

Christe exaudi nos.

Christ graciously hear us.

Pater de cœlis Deus. Misere-
re nobis.

God the Father of Heaven,
have mercy upon us.

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus
miserere nobis.

God the Son Redeemer of the
world have mercy upon us.

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Spiritus sancte Deus miserere
nobis.

God the holy Ghost have mer-
cy upon us.

Sancta Trinitas unus Deus
Miserere nobis.

Holy Trinity one God, have
merc y upon us.

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Sancta Dei Genitrix ora,

Holy Mother of God, pray.

Sancta Virgo Virginum, ora,

Holy Virgin of Virgins, pray,
for us.

Mater Christi, ora,

Mother of Christ, pray.

Mater Divinae gratiae, ora,

Mother of Divine grace, pray.

Mater purissima, ora,

Most pure Mother, pray.

Mater Castissima, ora.

Most chaste Mother, pray.

Mater inviolata, ora.

Un-

of the holy Rosary,

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Undefiled Mother,	pray.
Mater intemerata,	ora.
Untouched Mother,	pray.
Mater Amabilis,	ora.
Amiable Mother,	pray.
Mater Admirabilis,	ora.
Admirable Mother,	pray.
Mater Creatoris,	ora.
Mother of our Creatour,	pray.
Mater Salvatoris,	ora.
Mother of our Saviour,	pray.
Virgo prudentissima,	ora.
Most prudent Virgin,	pray.
Virgo veneranda,	ora.
Venerable Virgin,	pray.
Virgo prædicanda,	ora.
Renowned Virgin	pray.
Virgo potens,	ora.
Potent Virgin,	pray.
Virgo clemens,	ora.
Clement Virgin,	pray.
Virgo fidelis,	ora.
Faithfull Virgin,	pray.
Speculum justitiæ,	ora.
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Mirour of Justice,	pray.
Sedes sapientiæ,	ora.
Seat of Wisdome,	pray.
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,	ora.
Cause of our gladnesse,	pray.
Vas Spirituale,	ora.
Spirituell vessell,	pray.
Vas insigne devotionis,	ora.
Vessell of Singular devotion,	
Rosa Mistica,	ora. (pray.
Misticall Rose,	pray.
Turris Davidica,	ora.
Towre of David,	pray.
Turris Eburnea,	ora.
Towre of Ivory,	pray.
Domus Aurea,	ora.
House of Gold,	pray.
Fœderis Arca,	ora.
Ark of the Covenant,	pray.
Janua Cœli,	ora.
Gate of Heaven,	pray.
Stella Matutina,	ora.
Morningstarr,	pray.
Salus infirmorum,	ora.
	Health

Health of the weak, pray.

Refugium peccatorum, ora.

Refuge of Sinners, pray.

Consolatrix Afflictorum, ora.

Comfort of the afflicted, pray.

for us.

Auxilium Christianorum, ora.

pro nobis.

Help of Christians, pray.

Regina Angelorum, ora.

Queen of Angels, pray.

Regina Patriarcharum, ora.

Queen of Patriarchs, pray.

Regina Prophetarum, ora.

Queen of Prophets, pray.

Regina Apostolorum, ora.

Queen of Apostles, pray.

Regina Martyrum, ora.

Queen of Martyrs, pray.

Regina Confessorum, ora.

Queen of Confessors, pray.

Regina Virginum, ora.

Queen of Virgins, pray.

Regina Sanctorum omnium ora

pro nobis.

Queen

Queen of all Saints, pray.
Regina Sanctissimi Rosarii, o-
ra pro nobis.

Queen of the most Blessed Ro-
sary, pray.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, Parce nobis Domine.
Lamb of God, who taketh away
the sins of the world, Spare
us O Lord,

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata
mundi, Exaudi nos Domine
Lamb of God who taketh
away the sins of the world,
Hear us O Lord.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata
mundi, Milerere nobis.
Lamb of God who taketh a-
way the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

Christe audi nos.

Christ hear us.

Christe exaudi nos.

Christ graciously hear us.

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Kyrie eleison.

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Lord have mercy upon us.

WEe fly unto thy protection O holy Mother of God, despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us continually from all dangers; O glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Vers. Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

Resp. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let

Let us pray.

O God who under the mysti-
call Rosary of the Mother
of God, dost represent unto us
all the misteries of thy life, death
and glory; grant that whom-
soever we do get to be of this
plantation, may be crowned
with a triumphant garland of
the heavenly Garden; who livest
and reignest forever and ever.
Amen.



FINIS.

Margaret Wildsmith

Her Book 1750